

## **Brunswick Preservation and Revitalization Committee**

**Meeting Notes - March 25, 2019**

**6:00PM - 7:00PM, Brunswick City Hall**

**Attending:** Kelly White, Brian Keller, Alan Miner, Abbie Ricketts, Abby Ingram, Nathan Brown, Kimberly Golden Brandt

**Guest:** Wes White

### **Overview/Discussion of Research/Information Presented**

1. The committee agreed that Anthony Owens, an area contractor who does a lot of work on historic structures, should be invited to a future meeting.

**ACTION ITEM: Kelly will contact Anthony Owens.**

2. Alan suggested that a presentation to the Mayor and Council at a public meeting by Jonathan Warner, a realtor/broker who specializes in historic properties, should be considered in the future. Jonathan can explain the benefits of a historic district to property owners.

### **Deliverables Discussion**

1. A demolition ordinance. The committee discussed demolition by neglect provisions included in some ordinances and noted the challenges with enforcement.
2. A proposal for a Historic Preservation District or a Conservation District. The committee expressed concern with there being only two Conservation Districts in the state compared to many more Historic Preservation Districts. While the presenters on Conservation Districts felt that they did not offer enough protection, there are concerns about constraints on property owners that could result from a Historic Preservation District.
3. A document that identifies funding sources and incentives for preservation initiatives.

### **Tasks**

Committee members are asked to review a few demolition ordinances and be prepared to share likes and dislikes. Applicability and the review process for applicants must be determined.

### **Meeting Frequency Discussion**

The committee agreed to continue meeting weekly.

### **Other Items**

The budget request to update the National Register nomination has been submitted to the Council; a presentation to the Finance Committee will be scheduled.